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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a) AND
COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance, providing an Examiner's Amendment, and to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance set forth in connection with the Notice of Allowance, mailed January 25, 2006, entry of the following amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a) and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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